National Bio-Gas Development Programme

2345. SHRT JAGADISH JANI- : Will[1] the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a)- whether the National Bio-gas Development Programme is being implemented in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, to what extent the Prb-gr imme has helped the tribals ih the State of Orissa; and

(c) what is the number of bio-gas ?lants set up in tho tribal districts of .trissa, especially in the Phulbani district?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Project for Biogas Development which caters to family type biogas plants, is being implemented in all States/Union Territories including tribal areas.

(b) and (c) Under the National Project for Biogas Development total of over 31,200 biogas plants have been set up in-the State of Orissa including tribal areas iut- of which over 400 plants have been set up in the district of Phulbani.

Functioning of Production Centre at Tiruvalla in Kerala

2346. SHRI THOMAS KUTHI-RAVATTOM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to statfe:

(a) whether it is a fact thatf a Deduction Centre under the Central Government is functioning at tir-uvalla in Kerala;

(b) if so, What are the products made at this Centre and whether there are plans to develop this- Centre fur-ther; and

(c) how many persons art working at this Centre at present' an* how many of them' are getting training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUS-TRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI Ml ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The products made at the Centre 4re Squirrel Cage Induction Mbtofs ranging from fractional HP - fo 20 HP—Single and 3 phase.

(ii) There are no plans presently to develop this centre further.

(c) 59 persoris are presently word-ing in the productibn centre which include . Officers & - Administration staff.

(ii) None ofthe above staff of the Centre are getting training.

Report of the Neyveli Lignite Co-rporation

@2347. SHRI ARANGIL SREE-DHARAN: Will the Minister- of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re-ceived a detailed report from Neyveli Lignite Corporation for exploring Lignite deposits from Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the salient features ofthe' res-port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) ! (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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